

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method for browsing a plurality of data objects represented by images displayed within a three-dimensional graphical environment is described.

- 5 A plurality of data object arrangement schemes are provided for arranging corresponding represented images of the data objects within the three-dimensional environment dependent on a selected one of the schemes. The data objects are then automatically arranged within the three-dimensional environment according to the selected schemes. Schemes can be user selected such that by selecting a new scheme,
- 10 the objects are rearranged according to the newly selected scheme. The environment is partitioned into three-dimensional areas and representative images of the data objects are arranged within the partitioned environment such that representative images of related groups of data objects with respect to the selected scheme are displayed within the same areas.